

## REMARKS

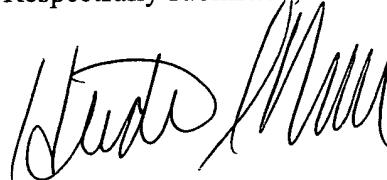
Claims 1-9 have been canceled. Claims 10-21 are newly presented herein for consideration. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

## NEW CLAIMS

Claims 10-21 have been added which include methods for identifying expansin encoding nucleic acid sequences from the sequences disclosed in the specification. Support for these new claims may be found in the specification at page 19, lines 25-30, and page 33, line 15 - page 34, line 16.

It is not felt that any other fee is due at this time, however if one is necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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